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SUBJ: ARAFAT VISIT TO USSR

1. AT WEEKLY QUADRIPARTITE MEETING AUGUST 1, MY BRITISH AND FRENCH COLLEAGUES EXPRESSED VIEW THAT THEY HAD FEELING ARAFAT WAS BEING RECEIVED OFFICIALLY. IN THIS CONTEXT, THEY CITED THE PRESENCE IN THE SOVIET WELCOMING GROUP OF M.D. SYTENKO, CHIEF OF THE NEAR EASTERN COUNTRIES DIVISION OF MFA. ACCORDING TO FRENCH AMBASSADOR VIMONT, ARAFAT IS SCHEDULED TO MEET WITH BREZHNEV. VIMONT ALSO REPORTED THAT THEIR EMBASSY IN BEIRUT HAD NOTED THAT THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR HAD PERSONALLY VISITED PLO HEADQUARTERS TO EXTEND THE INVITATION TO ARAFAT TO VISIT THE USSR. APPARENTLY THIS IS A FIRST. VIMONT SAID ARAFAT EXPECTS TO BE HERE FOR SIX DAYS AND THAT ARAFAT (A) WANTS RECOGNITION THAT THE PLO IS "THE ORGANIZATION" REPRESENTING THE PALESTINIANS, CONFIDENTIAL

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(B) HOPES TO ESTABLISH A PLO OFFICE IN MOSCOW, AND (C) EXPECTS

TO GET A PROMISE FROM THE SOVIETS THAT THEY WOULD RECOGNIZE
THE PLO AS A GOVERNMENT IN THE FUTURE, I.E., AFTER THE NEXT
ARAB SUMMIT MEETING.
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